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REPLIES TO SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS

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the European Social Charter

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THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS

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Questions addressed to Cyprus

Article 1§2 (prohibition of discrimination in employment/ forced labour/ right to earn one's living in an occupation freely entered upon):

- What is the length of, if any, compulsory minimum period of service required of those serving in the professional armed forces?
- Are there circumstances, such as specialised training or specific operational requirements, which entail a different compulsory minimum term of service in the professional armed forces and under what conditions may the persons concerned leave the service before the expiry of this term?

Answer

According to the Law on the Army of the Republic, members of the Army retire due to age limit, depending on their grade, as follows:

- First Lieutenants: 52
- Lieutenants: 53
- Captains: 54
- Majors: 55
- Lt Colonels: 56
- Colonels: 58
- Brigadier Generals, Major Generals: 60

Regardless of the above age limits, any member of the Army who wishes to resign can submit a request, on the condition of completing 15 years of service.

Additionally, in order to submit a resign request, any member who has a supplementary training paid by the Republic, is obliged to serve double the duration of this training, in addition to the 15 years.

In any case, and in order for the request to be accepted, the relevant member's request for resignation must be approved by the Council of Ministers on the condition that any obligation set by the contract(s), which is signed before the beginning of any training, is satisfied.

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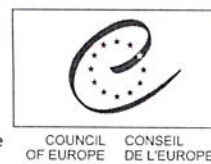
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Strasbourg, 14 June 2012

Dear Ms Parouti,

The European Committee of Social Rights is currently examining the States' reports on the European Social Charter with respect to the thematic group on "employment, training and equal opportunities" and has instructed me to forward to you the enclosed questions.

The Committee would be grateful if you could reply to these questions before 27 July 2012 in order to allow the information to be taken into account in Conclusions 2012.

Yours sincerely,

Régis Brillat



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